

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1204 – HB 2367

March 17, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits the billing of anatomic pathology services by a licensed practitioner unless services were rendered personally or under direct supervision by the practitioner. Requires anatomic pathology services be billed directly to the patient, the responsible insurer, a hospital or clinic, a referring laboratory, or a governmental agency.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The Board of Medical Examiners will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to investigate and prosecute any violations of the provisions of the bill. Any cost will not be significant and can be accommodated within the existing resources of the Board.
- The Board will notify practitioners of the proposed regulations through newsletters and postings on the Web site. Any cost will not be significant and can be accommodated within the existing resources of the Board.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2008, the Board had a positive balance of \$108,302.81.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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